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TRIAL COURT FACILITIES ACT OF 2002: QUARTERLY UPDATE

On November 12, 2002, your Board instructed my office to report on the implementation of SB 1732 (Escutia, Statutes of 2002) and to provide quarterly updates thereafter. SB 1732 is the legislation which requires the transfer of county courthouses to the State. This is one in a series of reports on the subject and covers January through March 2007 activities.

Transfer of Courthouses

As we reported in our last report, the County is still pursuing its first transfer. The current set of facilities to be transferred includes leases (San Pedro Annex, Redondo Beach Courthouse, and Monrovia Warehouse), as well as those courthouses that may be eligible for funding for replacement or upgrade in the near term, based on the AOC's priority capital outlay listing (Long Beach Courthouse, Huntington Park Courthouse, Santa Clarita Courthouse, and McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center). The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has postponed further effort on the San Fernando Courthouse.

My office is currently working with the Auditor-Controller on completing the County Facilities Payment (CFP) form, working with the County Counsel on negotiation of agreement language, and working with the AOC on transfer policies, including building maintenance, "bundling" of agreements, insurance issues, and space allocation plans. We are also refining the telecommunication agreement language by working with the Internal Services Department (ISD) and Los Angeles County Superior Court, as well as working with ISD and the Department of Public Works (DPW) on completing and delivering the required transfer documentation and space allocation plans.

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Efforts have been stepped up to complete the Long Beach transfer, and possibly one or two lease transfers by June 30 of this year. We are planning to target a Board letter for the June 19, 2007 agenda.

Legislative Activities

On January 25, 2007, SB 145 (Corbett) was introduced. Sponsored by the Judicial Council along with CSAC, as amended in the Senate on February 27, 2007, this bill will extend the current June 30, 2007 deadline for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the Judicial Council to December 31, 2008. This is an urgency status bill and takes effect immediately upon the Governor's signature. Senator Corbett set up a task force of county, court, AOC and Department of Finance staff to consider any issues which need to be resolved legislatively for inclusion in the bill. SB 145 is currently in the Assembly awaiting committee assignment.

Other Activities

On April 18 my office will be meeting with the AOC to discuss individual courthouse transfers as well as methods to simplify procedures and documentation requirements. We will report on the conclusion of this meeting in our next quarterly report. On a similar track, CSAC is stepping up its effort by holding regular meetings and communication with the new AOC special assistant to expedite the transfer and resolve any conflict issues between the counties and the AOC.

The County continues to meet quarterly with other southern California counties to share experience and knowledge gained in the transfer process, as well as to participate in as-needed Statewide conference calls with CSAC. We will provide the next quarterly report in July 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know or you may contact John Edmisten of my staff at (213) 974-7365.

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